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1. Name				
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2. Location				
street & number	405 – 421 South Chape	l Street		
city, town	Baltimore			
state & zip code	Maryland 21231	county		
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6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

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7. Description

Condition		Check One	Check One
excellent	deteriorated	unaltered	X original site
_ good	ruins	X altered	moved:
x fair	unexposed		date of move:

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The east side of the 400 block of S. Chapel St. is predominantly built up with the two-story gable-roofed houses so common in the early 1850s. 413-415 S. Chapel, however, are a pair of two-story-and-attic houses built a few years earlier. 415 had its roof raised to a full third story sometime later. All of the houses have been covered with formstone and all original details are obscured.

The group of six (405 – 409 and 417 – 421) two-bay-wide, two-story brick houses with low-pitched gable roofs are typical of the small alley houses built in Baltimore in the 1850s, often along especially narrow secondary alley streets running perpendicularly off the main "alley" street. Each two-room deep house has a one-story brick rear kitchen addition somewhat narrower than the house. The pitch of the gable roof is especially low, a characteristic of this particular type of two-story, gable-roofed alley house. The houses are probably constructed in common bond, but all of the facades are now covered with formstone or aluminum siding. The houses have simple brick corbelled cornices, but these are obscured by the formstone covering. Chimneys are located at the rear end of the kitchen addition.

Door and window openings have either segmentally arched brick lintels, with plain tympanums, and wood sills or flat wood lintels and sills. In some cases the first floor window has been replaced with a wider, more fashionable window with a stained glass transom. The remainder of the windows are filled with replacement 1/1 or 6/6 sash. No original doors survive and the row shows a mix of replacement door styles, all surmounted by a single light transom. The houses sit on low basements, lit by a single-light transom, the entrances being reached by one or two brick or concrete steps.

The houses are basically two rooms deep, with the front room being entered directly from the front door. The front and back rooms of the first floor are separated by a wide opening, with the tightly winding, narrow stairs set in the rear room, in the space between the partition wall and the fireplace. The one-story rear addition served as the kitchen, with its own cooking fireplace.

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8. Significance

Period	Area of significance	check one & justify		
prehistoric 1400-1499 1500-1599 1600-1699 1700-1799 X1800-1899 1900	archeology-prehistoric archeology-historic agriculture X architecture art commerce communications	X community planningconservationeconomicseducationengineeringexplorationindustryinvention	landscape architecturelawliteraturemilitarymusicphilosophypolitics/government	religion science sculpture X social/ humanitarian theatre transportation other: specify
Specific dates c.	1850 - 1860		Builder/Architect	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

These houses are significant as being representative of a surviving group of extremely modest two-story, gable-roofed houses built in Fells Point in the 1850s and 1860s to serve as inexpensive housing for the influx of newly arrived immigrant families seeking work in harbor-related activities or in the first small factories being built at this time. Houses sold for about \$500 - \$600 to mainly German-American craftsman and laborers, or rented for some \$8 a month. Most such houses were held as rental property and most were located along narrow alley streets, or along even narrower courts. In terms of design, the houses are basically the descendants of earlier Federal-style working class housing built in the early decades of the century, but without the usual dormer story of such houses. Because there is no dormer story the roof slope is much less steep in these later versions of the style. The houses are quite tiny, with two small rooms on each floor and a centrally located, tightly winding, narrow staircase.

They are still inhabited by working class residents.

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9. Major Bibliographic References

Mary Ellen Hayward and Charles Belfoure, *The Baltimore Rowhouse* (New York: Princeton Architectural Press, 1999)

10. Geographic Data

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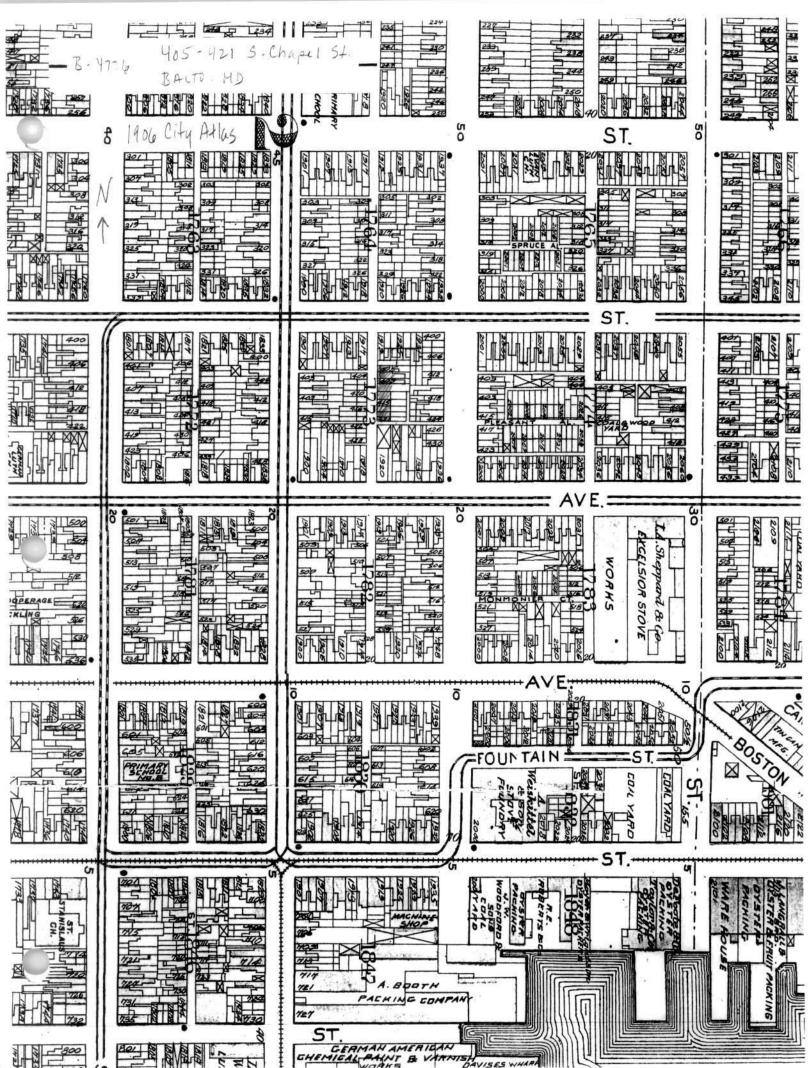
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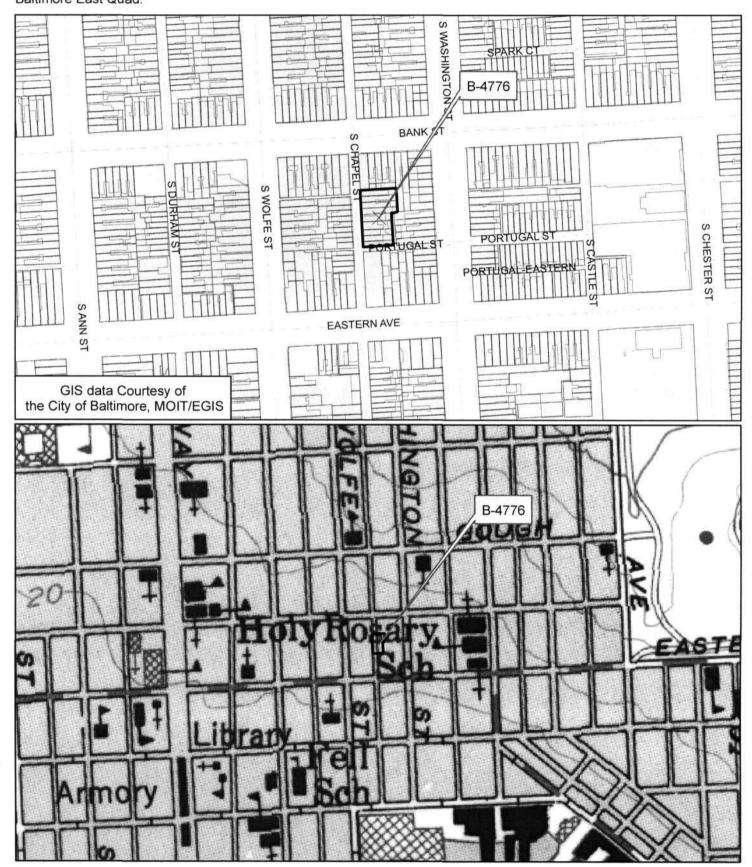
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